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SUBJECT: BASE DISCUSSIONS: RESPONSE TO PHIL. AIDE

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1. PARA 3 CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A RESPONSE TO THE GOP'S  
AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 28. YOU SHOULD PRESENT IT TO ROMULO  
AS SOON AS CONVENIENT WITHOUT CONVEYING ANY SENSE OF  
URGENCY. WE ASSUME YOU WILL BE SEEING HIM SOON IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH VP'S TRIP.

2. WHEN DELIVERING THE AIDE MEMOIRE YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY TO ROMULO:

(A) THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE EFFORT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT MADE, DESPITE THE PRESSURE OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, TO DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES TO RESOLVING THE BASE ISSUES. THE GOP AIDE MEMOIRE CAN SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.-

(B) THE VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MAJOR ISSUES AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH THE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 28, 1978 TO DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES TO SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE MILITARY BASES AND ENSURING FURTHER PROGRESS.

WE ARE PREPARED, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE GOP AIDE MEMOIRE, TO SETTLE THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY ON A PRIORITY BASIS, LEAVING THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE COUNTERPRO-

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POSAL WHICH THE GOP INTENDS TO SUBMIT IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL OF MARCH 16.

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE USG THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT AND SEPARATE ANNEXES CONTAINING IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD ENTER INTO FORCE SIMULTANEOUSLY. THESE SHOULD PROVIDE THE CLEAR BASIS FOR THE MORE DETAILED PLANS AND PROCEDURES TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDERS AND THE U.S. FACILITIES COMMANDERS.

IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF MARCH 28 AND THE USG STATEMENT OF THAT DATE AND TO MOVE TOWARD AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDERS TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE BASES, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT APPROPRIATE PHILIPPINE AND U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES BEGIN PRELIMINARY DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER EXPLORATION INCLUDING THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDERS AND THE U.S. FACILITIES COMMANDERS, UNHAMPERED MILITARY

OPERATIONS OF U.S. FORCES, AND BASE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO CROW VALLEY, SUBIC BAY WATERS, GRANDE ISLAND, JOHN HAY AIR BASE, WALLACE AIR STATION, AND SAN MIGUEL NAVAL STATION. THESE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD SEEK TO WORK OUT, ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS, AGREEMENT ON THE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR HIGHER AUTHORITY TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. ONCE THEY HAVE FULLY WORKED OUT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND IDENTIFIED ANY PARTICULAR ISSUES REQUIRING RESOLUTION AT A HIGHER LEVEL, THE USG WOULD BE

PREPARED TO SEND SENIOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AS A FINAL STEP IN ORDER TO RESOLVE WITH THE PHILIP-

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PINE GOVERNMENT ANY OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AND TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE LANGUAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 1947 MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT AND RELATED ANNEXES.

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